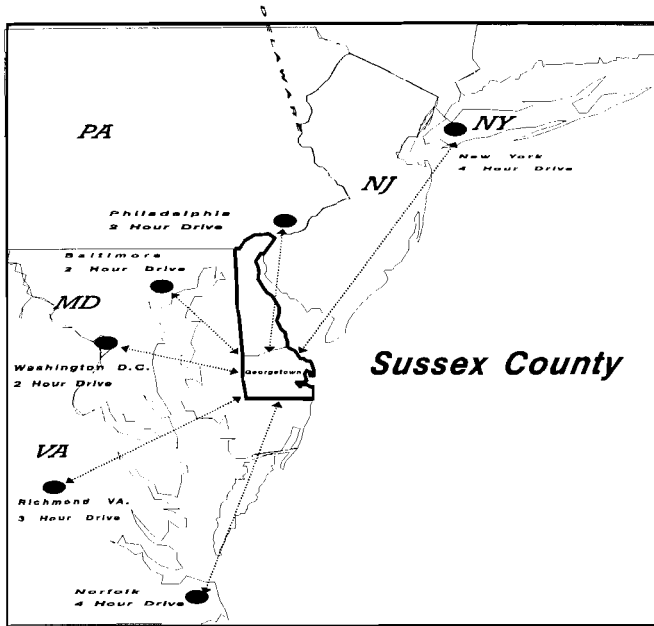


SUSSEX COUNTY

DELAWARE

2008

Community
Data



The State of Delaware is composed of three counties, Sussex, Kent, and New Castle. The Southernmost county is Sussex. Sussex County is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the north by Kent County, and on the south and west by the portion of the State of Maryland east of the Chesapeake Bay. The town of Georgetown, the county seat, is situated in the center of the county. Most of the county's land area is flat terrain consisting of unconsolidated sediments of the Coastal Plain. Elevations in the county average from 40 to 50 feet above sea level.

1. POPULATION

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2005(est)</u>
Delaware	594,338	666,168	783,600	843,524
Sussex Co.	98,004	113,229	156,638	176,548
Bethany Beach	330	326	903	943
Bridgeville	1,238	1,210	1,436	1,578
Delmar	948	962	1,407	1,483
Georgetown	1,710	3,732	4,643	4,911
Laurel	3,052	3,226	3,668	3,822
Lewes	2,197	2,295	2,932	3,116
Milford	5,366	6,040	6,732	7,201
Millsboro	1,233	1,643	2,360	2,505
Milton	1,359	1,417	1,657	1,791
Rehoboth	1,730	1,234	1,495	1,556
Seaford	5,256	5,689	6,699	6,997
Selbyville	1,251	1,335	1,645	1,742

Source: www.census.gov

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2025</u>
Delaware	893,184	937,611	977,645	1,012,591
Sussex Co.	194,430	211,120	226,766	241,188

Source: www.state.de.us/planning

2. COUNTY GROWTH, 1990-2000

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Change, 1990-2000</u>	
			<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Sussex County	113,229	156,638	43,409	38.34%
Kent County	110,993	126,697	15,704	14.15%
New Castle	441,946	500,265	58,319	13.20%
Delaware	666,168	783,600	117,432	17.63%

Source: www.census.gov

3. LABOR ANALYSIS

	<u>Oct 2006</u>	<u>Oct 2007</u>
Labor Force	91,773	91,160
Employed	89,131	88,388
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.0%
Statewide	3.6%	3.4%
United States	4.4%	4.7%

Source: www.bls.gov/data

4. COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The County Government was established on July 23, 1970, and replaced the Levy Court Commission with a Council-Executive form of government. The powers and duties of the government are set forth in Chapter 70, Title 9 of the Delaware Code. The government is composed of a legislative body, the County Council, an administrative body, including 13 operating departments, and 5 row of-fices. The Council, which has all legislative powers, is headed by a President who is annually elected.

All of the towns and cities are independent, incorporated municipalities, each with their own powers of taxation.

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICES

The Sussex County Comprehensive Land Use Plan was adopted 12/10/02. (Individual Town Land Use Plans may be available.)

Boards: Planning & Zoning Board
Board of Adjustment
Library Advisory Board
Board of Adjustment (Building Code)
Board of Assessment & Review

Fire Protection 21 Volunteer Fire Companies
Police Protection 3 State Police Units, 151 FT
19 Local Police Units, 162 FT
Ambulance Service 20 Rescue Squads, 8 Paramedic Units,
2 Paramedic Supervisor Units;
94 Paramedics, 8 Supervisors
Industrial Park County owned and operated;
145 acre industrial park next
to Sussex County Airport.
Libraries 14 Public Libraries
& Bookmobile

5. TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation..Delaware Transit Corp.
Major Highways.....Rt. 13, Rt. 113, Rt. 1
Railroads.....Norfolk-Southern, Shortlines
Motor Freight.....Roadway, Yellow, H.O. Kline,
Consolidated, TNT Red Star,
Mills Transportation, D&B
Transportation, Reed Truck,
Reed Transportation, CCX
Water.....Nanticoke & Mispillion Rivers
Air.....Sussex County Airport
(5000 Ft. paved runway)
Laurel Airport

6. CLIMATE

Annual Average Temperature	Monthly 55	Average 34(Jan) 78 (Jul)
Rainfall		42.13"
Snowfall		12.3"
Prevailing Winds		S.W./S.E.
Land Area Size:		938 sq. miles
Total Acres:		605,440
Population Density:		167 per sq. mile
Elevation		45' +/-

7. PERMITS

	2006	2007
Residential	\$373,925,619.00	\$285,787,884.00
Comm/Ind	\$119,713,169.00	\$ 59,037,629.00
Man. Homes	\$ 28,931,560.00	\$ 18,861,431.00
Multi-family	\$ 155,248,547.00	\$ 59,069,904.00
# Permits	11,286	9,774

(dollar amounts are estimated value)

Source: Sussex County Planning & Zoning Dept.

8. TAXES

State Taxes: Delaware has reduced its personal income taxes at all income levels. The State has never had a general sales tax or an inventory tax. There are no State real property taxes, and the local real property taxes are very low. The total State and local tax burden in Delaware is competitive with most other states.

County Taxes: Appraisal at 100% (1974 M.V.), assessed at 50% of 1974 Market Value. The County Tax rate for the year is 44.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. This is eighteenth year that the rate has been 44.5 cents. This tax includes the County's cost for General Obligation Bonds, Libraries, Paramedics, and the general operation of the County Government.

City & Town Taxes: Municipal governments and school districts are financed in part through real property tax receipts. Real estate in incorporated areas is subject to municipal property taxes, school district property taxes, and vocational school taxes. The total property tax burden depends on the tax rate, the property assessment, and the assessment ratio.

9. CENSUS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006 (Est)</u>
Median Household Income	\$ 39,371	\$ 45,876
Per Capita Income	\$ 20,328	\$ 24,345
Total Housing Units	93,070	111,606
Median Home Value	\$122,400	\$223,700
Median Rent	\$ 507.00	\$ 789.00
Median Age	41.1	41.8

*Source: www.factfinder.census.gov

Delaware Population Consortium

Population Projection Series

October 23, 2007

Sussex County Total Population—(As of July 1)

	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population	157459	176192	194430	211123	226766	241188	253240
Households	63023	72478	80385	87522	94274	100332	104753
Population Change*	18733	18238	16690	15646	14422	12052	
Births*	9754	11018	11847	12467	13029	13883	
Deaths*	9092	10533	12907	15024	17020	19005	
Net Migration*	18071	17753	17750	18203	18413	17174	
Household Change*	9455	7907	7137	6752	6058	4421	
Total Labor Force	80209	90235	85780	90005	93972	98169	102418
Civilian	80045	90071	85616	89841	93808	98005	102254
Employed	77297	86869	82191	86247	90056	94085	98164
Private	59800	67205	63586	66724	69671	72788	75943
Government	11138	12517	11843	12428	12976	13557	14145
Self-Employed	6201	6969	6594	6919	7225	7548	7875
Unpaid Family	158	178	168	176	184	192	201
Unemployed	2748	3202	3425	3594	3752	3920	4090
Military	164	164	164	164	164	164	164
Jobs by Place of Work	67541	75905	71818	75362	78690	82211	85774
Jobs by Residence	74978	84263	79725	83660	87354	91263	95218
Net Commuting	-7437	-8358	-7907	-8298	-8664	-9052	-9444

*Represents a five-year total
Source: www.cadsr.udel.edu

SUSSEX COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES, 2007-2008

County:

Tax Rate/\$100 Assessment \$0.3983	Assessment Ratio 50%	County Capitation Tax \$3.00	Date of Last Assessment 1974
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Incorporated Areas:

School District/City	County Rate	School Rate	City Rate	Library Rate	Vo-Tech Rate	Total tax rate Per \$100 Assessment
Cape Henlopen						
Dewey Beach***	0.3983	\$2.998	\$0.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$4.0793
Henlopen Acres***	0.3983	\$2.998	\$1.88	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.5593
Lewes***	0.3983	\$2.998	\$0.39	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$4.0693
Milton	0.3983	\$2.998	\$0.41	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$4.0893
Rehoboth Beach***	0.3983	\$2.998	\$1.55	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.2293

Delmar

Delmar	0.3983	\$3.150	\$1.31	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.1413
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Indian River

Bethany Beach***	0.3983	\$2.545	\$0.16	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$3.3863
Dagsboro***	0.3983	\$2.545	\$0.38	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$3.6063
Fenwick Island	0.3983	\$2.545	\$1.92	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.1463
Frankford	0.3983	\$2.545	\$1.95	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.1763
Georgetown	0.3983	\$2.545	\$2.53	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.7563
Millsboro***	0.3983	\$2.545	\$0.51	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$3.7363
Millville	0.3983	\$2.545	\$0.20	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$3.4263
Ocean View ***	0.3983	\$2.545	\$0.0981	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$3.3244
Selbyville	0.3983	\$2.545	\$1.85	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.0763
South Bethany	0.3983	\$2.545	\$0.65	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$3.8763

Laurel

Bethel	0.3983	\$2.390	\$0.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$3.4713
Laurel***	0.3983	\$2.390	\$1.91	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$4.9813

Milford

Ellendale	0.3983	\$3.5468	\$1.00	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.2281
Milford***	0.3983	\$3.5468	\$0.46	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$4.6881
Slaughter Beach***	0.3983	\$3.5468	\$0.50	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$4.7281

Seaford

Blades***	0.3983	\$3.230	\$1.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.3113
Seaford***	0.3983	\$3.230	\$0.57	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$4.4813

Woodbridge

Bridgeville	0.3983	\$3.295	\$1.73	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.7063
Greenwood	0.3983	\$3.295	\$1.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2363	\$5.3763

Unincorporated Areas:

School District	County Rate	School Rate	Vo-Tech Rate	Library Rate	Total tax rate Per \$100 Assessment
Cape Henlopen	0.3983	\$2.998	\$0.2363	\$0.0467	\$3.6793
Delmar	0.3983	\$3.150	\$0.2363	\$0.0467	\$3.8313
Indian River	0.3983	\$2.545	\$0.2363	\$0.0467	\$3.2263
Laurel	0.3983	\$2.390	\$0.2363	\$0.0467	\$3.0713
Milford	0.3983	\$3.5468	\$0.2363	\$0.0467	\$4.2281
Seaford	0.3983	\$3.230	\$0.2363	\$0.0467	\$3.9113
Woodbridge	0.3983	\$3.295	\$0.2363	\$0.0467	\$3.9763

*** - SEE FOOTNOTES AT END OF REPORT.

Unless otherwise noted in the footnotes section, Sussex County taxes property at 50% of the 1974 appraised value.

10. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Artisans' Bank	\$ 592,413,000
Bank of Delmarva	338,567,000
Community Bank Delaware	50,546,000
County Bank	337,617,000
Delaware National Bank	457,908,000
Discover Bank	30,700,142,000
M & T Bank (Allfirst)	14,877,000
PNC Bank, Delaware	3,180,323,000
RBS Citizens NA	1,547,167,000
Calvin B. Taylor Bank	4,998,000
Wachovia	4,784,090,000
Wilmington Trust Company	10,064,024,000

Source: State Bank Commissioner 12/07

11. TRAFFIC COUNTS

ROAD	ROAD	2005 AADT	2006 AADT
DE 1 & Rt. 9		44,795	44,033
DE 1 & Rt. 16		30,085	24,040
DE 1 & Rt. 24		61,298	60,255
DE 1 & MD. Line		11,360	11,131
DE 13 & Rt. 16		23,860	24,098
DE 13 & Rt. 20		33,920	34,123
DE 13 & Rd. 64		25,402	25,942
DE 13 & Rt. 404		25,350	25,603
DE 24 & Rt. 5&22		19,892	19,553
DE 113 & Rt. 18		21,151	20,351
DE 113 & MD. Line		11,925	12,044

Source: D.O.T. Bureau of Traffic, 2006, www.deldot.gov

12. MEDICAL

Bayhealth Medical Center
21 West Clarke Street
Milford, DE 19963
302-422-3311
www.bayhealth.org

Beebe Medical Center
424 Savannah Road
Lewes, DE 19958
302-645-3300
www.beebemed.org

Nanticoke Health Service
801 Middleford Road
Seaford, DE 19973
302-629-6611
www.nanticoke.org

13. TOP EMPLOYERS

(alpha listing of employers)

Allen's Family Foods www.allenfamilyfoods.com
Allen's Hatchery, Inc. www.allenfamilyfoods.com
Bayhealth Medical Center www.bayhealth.org
Beebe Medical Center www.beebemed.org
BurrisLogistics www.burrislogistics.com
Caulk Dentsply www.caulk.com
Delaware Electric Co-op, Inc. www.delect.com
Del.Tech.&Comm. College www.dtcc.edu/owens
Delmarva Power www.delmarva.com
Eastern Shore Poultry
Grotto Pizza, Inc. www.grottopizza.com
Indian River School District www.irsd.net
Intervet America, Inc. www.intervetusa.com
Invista (formerly Dupont Co.) www.invista.com
JohnnyJanosik Furniture www.johnnyjanosik.com
M & T Bank www.mandtbank.com
Mountaire of Delaware www.mountaire.com
Nanticoke Health Services www.nanticoke.org
PATs Aircraft LLC www.patsinc.com
Perdue, Inc. www.perdue.com
Pinnacle Foods, Inc. www.pinnaclefoodscorp.com
State of Delaware www.delaware.gov
Sussex County Council www.sussexcountytde.gov
WalMart, Inc. www.walmart.com
Wilmington Trust Co www.wilmingtontrust.com

14. UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity:

Delaware Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Delmarva Power

Natural Gas:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

Water/Sewer:

Capacities vary according to town
county service areas

Solid Waste Disposal:

Delaware Solid Waste Authority

Telephone:

Comcast
Verizon

Cable:

Comcast Cablevision
MediaCom

15. EDUCATION

<i>8 Public School Districts</i>	Enrollment
Cape Henlopen School	4,493
Delmar School	1,149
Indian River School	8,388
Laurel School	2,088
Milford School	4,070
Seaford School	3,367
Sussex Tech School	1,249
Woodbridge School	2,012

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Sussex Academy of Arts & Sciences	323
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Source: Dept of Education, 2006-2007, www.doe.k12.de.us

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Delaware Technical & Community College
Delaware State University
University of Delaware
College of Marine Studies, U of D
Wilmington College

16. INDUSTRIAL PARKS (Public)

Sussex County Industrial Airpark
Georgetown, Delaware 19947
302-855-7770

Seaford Industrial Park
Seaford, Delaware 19973
302-629-9173

Selbyville Industrial Park
Selbyville, Delaware 19975
302-436-8314

17. OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES

Government

County: www.sussexcountyyde.gov
State: www.delaware.gov
www.delawaresbdc.org

Tourism

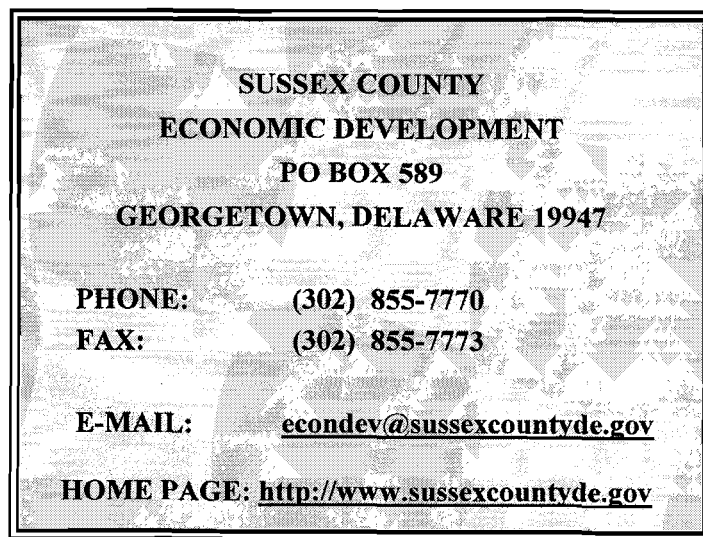
County: www.visitsoutherndelaware.com
State: www.visitdelaware.com
Libraries: www.state.lib.de.us

18. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Bethany/Fenwick Chamber	(302) 539-2100
Delmar Chamber	(302) 846-3336
Georgetown Chamber	(302) 856-1544
Laurel Chamber	(302) 875-9319
Lewes Chamber	(302) 645-8073
Milford Chamber	(302) 422-3344
Millsboro Chamber	(302) 934-6777
Milton Chamber	(302) 684-1101
Rehoboth/Dewey Chamber	(302) 227-2233
Seaford Chamber	(302) 629-9690
Selbyville Chamber	(302) 436-5526
State Tourism Office	(800) 441-8846
Sussex County Tourism	(302) 856-1818

19. FOR MORE INFORMATION

Business Development, Commercial
Development, Relocation Packages,
Tourism, and Demographics,
please contact:



Serving:

Bethany Beach, Bethel, Blades, Bridgeville, Dagsboro, Delmar, Dewey Beach, Ellendale, Fenwick Island, Frankford, Georgetown, Greenwood, Gumboro, Henlopen Acres, Laurel, Lewes, Lincoln, Long Neck, Milford, Millsboro, Millville, Milton, Ocean View, Rehoboth Beach, Seaford, Selbyville, Slaughter Beach, South Bethany.